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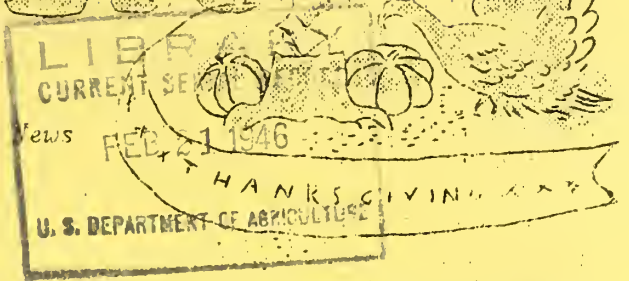
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BIRTHDAYS

CLATE COX M. M. SAMUELS
(And we got a phone call from Nellie Mellett saying her birthday is two months from now and that Ann Hanlon's is next spring. Such information!)

YEARS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

CLATE COX, 15 YEARS WITH 5 OF THEM IN REA

NEW EMPLOYEES

ERNEST L. RUSHMER (Ret. EDNA C. WEHNING from Mil. furlough)

THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH

This issue marks the swan song of another of the SPAN staff with Associate Editor Peggy Fotsch bowing out. Her ready wit and blithe spirit that has pervaded these columns, enlivening this publication and entertaining its readers, will be much missed in future issues..

The editor is perfectly frantic over losing so splendid a team mate, but nothing can be done about it as Peg simply has no desire to go to Washington for which no one can blame her. So beginning Monday morning, Nov. 19, the Smaller War Plants Corporation will benefit by her services.

Mr. W.W. Arnett is out an efficient secretary, REA has lost one of its most scintillating personalities, and the editor has lost her better half at editing. Hang the crepe heavy, boys and girls. Hang it all over wherever SPAN goes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR SAMMY

Friday, Nov. 16, was "special event" day in Tech Standard's---Sammy's birthday. Cakes with candles and all the other birthday trappings were in evidence.

Of special significance was the recording made with everybody present taking turns at talking in the mike---all wishing their Division Chief many more happy birthdays even up to 165 years of age.

L. P. Slattery presided and did a fine job of being toastmaster until he burnt his tongue drinking hot coffee. Clarence White operated the recording device; two poems written in honor of the host were read; Sammy in one fell swoop blew out the candles; and everybody did a hearty job of eating cake.

Wanted: 1, 2, or 3 room flat or apartment, unfurnished. Reward \$50. Call PA 5746 and ask for Harold or Evelyn.

Poems have been written on every subject imaginable, but seldom does the engineer get such an ovation....or is it?

Verily, I say unto you, marry not an engineer, For an engineer is a strange being, and is possessed of many evils,

Yea, he speaketh eternally in parable which he calleth formulae,

And he wieldeth a big stick which he calleth a slide rule.

He readeth only one best seller,--a hand book.

He thinketh only of strains and stresses, and without end of thermodynamics.

He showeth always a serious aspect and seemeth not to know how to smile,

And picketh his seat in a car by the springs therein and not by the damsels.

Neither does he know a water except by its horsepower, nor the sunset by the lights, nor a damsel except by her live weight.

Always he carrieth his books with him, and he entertaineth his sweetheart with steam tables.

Verily, though his damsel expecteth chocolates when he calleth,

She openeth up the package to disclose samples of rock dust.

Yea, he holdeth her hand, but to measure the friction thereof.

And he kisseth her only to test the viscosity of her lips.

For in his eyes there shineth a faraway look that is neither love nor longing--rather a vain attempt to recall a formula.

There is but one key to his heart and that is cum laude,

And when his damsel writeth of love and signeth with XXX,

He taketh these symbols, not for kisses, but rather for unknown quantities.

Even as a boy, he pulleth a girl's hair but to test its elasticity,

But as a man, he discovereth different devices for he counteth the vibrations of her heart strings; and

He seeketh ever to pursue his scientific investigations.

Even his own heart flutterings he counteth as a vision of beauty, and inscribeth his passion as a formula.

And his marriage is a simultaneous equation, involving two unknowns and yielding diverse results.

Verily, I say unto you, marry not an engineer.

JOLTS IN VOLTS

Mr. Robert H. Shields, Solicitor of the Dept. was here last week to announce Mr. Nicholson's successor as Assoc. Solicitor in charge of Rural Electrification, Mr. K. Wilde Blackburn. Mr. Blackburn had just recently been appointed Assoc. Solicitor in charge of Farm Security. He is well known in REA, having been one of the first lawyers with the program. He will enter upon his new duties in St. Louis on Nov. 20.....

Notice: I am interested in buying a home. If you have one for sale, please contact me. Mrs. Beatrice Wright, Finance Division.

Wanted: 4 or 5 room apartment. Norma Lewis, 311. Wanted: Good table model radio, any make, Sta. 584.

Jolts n' Volts

Mrs. Lola Perkins and family enjoyed a 10-day trip down in Texas at Paris, the old home town, Dallas, and Marshall. While they were gone her youngest boy was discharged at Jefferson Barracks.....

Norma Lewis, formerly a sergeant in the WAC, has been discharged and will soon be back in REA.....

It's like old times having Pfc. John V. Kelly, now just plain civilian Kelly, back in Central Files at work.....

SPAN received a highly interesting letter from Fieldman Wm. Letcher excerpts from which will appear in an early issue. When some of you other field mice read it and realize how interesting it is for our readers, maybe you, too, will come across wif some word from your bailiwick.....

The field trip "extraordinaire":—"Lil Abner Beard is going to visit a cooperative in ze Virgin Islands.....

We are losing our "Roths." Geneva is leaving REA for OPA and Mildred is also quitting the agency, not wishing to return to Washington.....

Bob Reidelberger has turned from squirrel and duck hunting to pheasants, fetching back a convincing number from his South Dakota expedition. He refrigerated the birds and has been presenting his friends with them, but so far the pore ol' editor hasn't gotten so much as a feather.....

STORK DEPT: David Dodrill, George Dodrill's 3-year old boy, has a brand new baby sister, Jane Ann. Mother and baby are doing well. Kenneth Hale's wife just had a little boy. Now little daughter Sandy has a real live doll to play with. Kenny is an Ensign in the Navy, stationed at Annapolis, Maryland. And flash, flash! a son and heir to Benny Krug on Sun. November 18!.....

We would love to know who the chauffeurs are that push the three baby buggies that Hamilton Treadway is shipping to Washington.....

And their tears flowed like wine - Tech Standards is losing Eleanor Mathas, Rose Newman and Edith Surbur to Army Records. --Edith Surbur and husband went to Bagnell Dam, Arkansas, and southern Missouri on Edith's vacation...before she goes to war - records.....

Johnny Asher, while saying goodbye to those not going to Washington, found time to kiss Marian Barry goodbye with such gusto, Marian was almost knocked off her feet.....

Eileen Stevens has left Reg. 3, Finance, and became Mrs. McCally on Nov. 13. Their present whereabouts is a deep dark secret. Mr. "Mc" recently returned to this country and is a veteran of the South Pacific.....

Even tho Wendel Chilton is no longer at REA, he can't resist visiting old friends at the bowling alleys, and snapping action shots. "Buck" Buchanan had "Flash" snap him doing his famous bowling jig. Bob McGrath is entering Uncle Sam's Army November 19. Doubtless he is replacing Ed Hudson, who has just rejoined the Duplicating Unit, after a "stretch" in the Army. They say he looks as good as the day he left.....

Harold Hartogensis has a letter from Edith Rhineland, former REA'er, who sez she is leaving the west coast and plans to visit with her many friends very soon.....

Connie Kiser is sporting an elegant gold compact, given to her last week. We don't know who "gift" it to her, tho.....

Thursday night was Isabel McFadden's bad night. It was Isabel's turn to bowl, but no Izzy. We wondered why she was holding up the game and found that she had her thumb caught in the berch. That should have been enough excitement for one evening, but a little later Isabel obeyed the laws of gravity, and what goes up must come down. BOOM!.....

Wanted: Flat, unfurnished, for a returning service man, wife, and 2-year-old girl, Call LA 0223.

Assoc. Solicitor Henry Hilbun accompanied Mr. Shield to assist him with arrangements in connection with the move to Washington. Messrs. Shields and Hilbun were in the cheering section at the bowling alleys Thurs. night and as a result, all three Legal teams won two out of three games from their opponents.....

Legal is glad to have Ernie Rushmer back on the job. Maybe sometime he will tell of his experiences in the Navy. He was a member of the famed crew of the Hornet.....

Tech. Standards has another new male stereo - Frank Davito. Frank was a Master Sgt. in the Army and spent 3 yrs. and 1 mo. in England, France and Germany. He attended and worked at the University of Missouri from 1935 to 1942, majoring in business.. W. F. Orndoff has returned to REA after 18 months in the Navy.. Harry McCollum is back too, after completing his job in the Air Forces.....

A hearty welcome to another hero, John Ivelia. Machine gun bullets didn't stop Johnny...He's too tough...He was with the 79th Infantry Division when they crossed the Rhine. The unit was awarded the Presidential Citation.....

Elmer Daniels, who left REA for TVA about the middle of October, writes a cheery "hello" from Knoxville, Tenn., to all his friends. He adds that he finds himself in the middle of a very active program, and that the housing situation is critical down thar too.....

Eleanor Cox writes us she made the trip to Wash. okay and now she's going to hoof it all over the city looking for a dwelling to rest her pretty little feet.....

F. B. Scott is on business in New York and Washington. Folks are wishing he could locate some houses, barns, or chicken coops for REA'ers to occupy in D. C.....

Marian Barry is taking a short jaunt down to Memphis, Tenn. to see her cousin who has been overseas and is expecting to marry a little English girl just as soon as she can hop a boat over.....

PLEASE! Someone find Adele Grupp a cozy little niche in the wall where she can spend her honeymoon and forever after, 'cause until she gets one, she won't be able to marry her Oleo and they're soooooo in love.....

Marcelle Cundiff is leaving today to spend a week in Oklahoma..and we don't mean the play "Oklahoma", not that she wouldn't add some good scenery to said play.....

Steve Solick is so proud of his little boy, at the age of 10 weeks he's already cutting two teeth. Steve says the boy is mighty interested in the electrification program. (That statement has us stumped).....

Emily Mitchell received the long awaited news--her husband arrived back in the States.....

Wilmer Orndoff has acquired a new hobby, that of collecting stamp cancellations. Not stamps, but the cancellation marks from various states. Anyone having any letters tied in blue ribbon (or pink) please contact Wilmer in Reg. 10, Finance. He does want those cancellation stamps from out-of-state envelopes.....

George F. Jordan of Info. is another who is rooted too deep in the middle west for the move to Washington, and is transferring to the Northern Regional Research Laboratories at Peoria, Illinois, (Fibber McGee's home town) as editor of technical bulletins and reports with the Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry.....

A recent writing recruit in Info. Robert Ingram, has already hit the trail back to Washington. He never tarried long on the perches of the Arcade roost.....

For the last time,

"Nosey & Newsy"